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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RYUSUKE NAKAGIRI, ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: to be assigned) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Currently herewith)
For: LIVER FUNCTION PROTECTING)
OR IMPROVING AGENT) December 7, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 7, 8, 16, 24, 31, 38, 42, 43 and 51 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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7. (Amended) The liver function protecting or improving agent according to any of Claims 1 to 5, which is administered orally.